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FIRST QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to your first quarterly airport newsletter! There has been a lot going on at the airport lately and we have decided it is time to share some of our progress and accomplishments, as well as some of the challenges we face as a General Aviation airport.

The newsletter will contain project updates, introductions to new airport community members, listing of events and a variety of topics important to General Aviation. Our goal is to provide a communication outlet that will foster a constructive dialogue between airport management, airport customers, aviation businesses, and our local community.

FAA AND DOT SUPPORT

We invest a lot of time and effort on our many FAA capital improvement projects. Some of these projects were initiated several years ago! GFL has been very fortunate during the past 20+ years and has received significant support and funding from the FAA and NYSDOT Aviation Bureau for numerous safety improvements. The local funding share for these improvements has fluctuated between 2.5% and 5% and is currently at 5%. The source of funds from the FAA (90% - 95%) for Airport Improve-

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SNOW REMOVAL

This past winter was a long and tough one, reminiscent of the ones I remember as a young child. As you can probably imagine, these type of winter seasons are hard on equipment, safety areas, pavements, and most of all our dedicated crew. We still have a lot of post-season clean up to do, but rest assured we will get to it. You may have noticed a few new faces operating some of the equipment this year too. We are now sharing some snow removal staff with the highway division and working to

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HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 2015

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SNOW REMOVAL
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NEW T-HANGARS
4. AIRPORT MESSAGE BOARD

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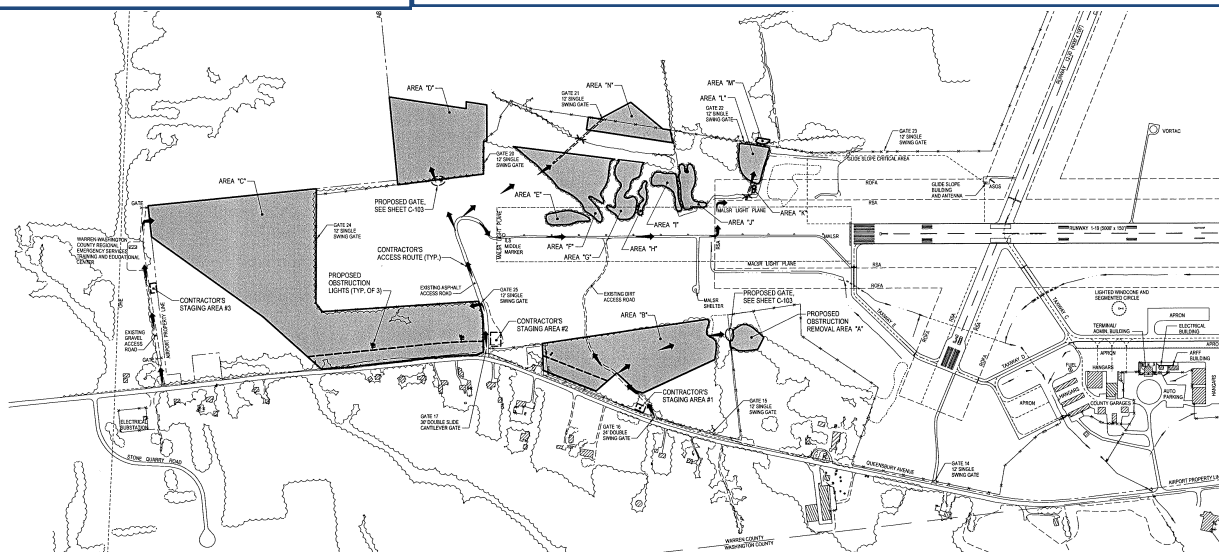
ment Projects (AIP) is the Airport and Airway Trust Fund (AATF). This fund is supported solely by excise taxes on aviation. The amount allocated to the AIP program by Congress is divided up into three 'pots' of money; entitlement, state apportionment, and discretionary. For more information on the AIP program, please perform an internet search (Google) for "AATF Fact Sheet".



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get them up to speed on the nuances of airport snow removal techniques. One of the biggest challenges when training new snow removal equipment operators is to teach them how to avoid creating snowbanks that become a hazard to aircraft.

Our next biggest concern is having reliable equipment. Our first priority for snow removal equipment is to replace the existing 1987 runway broom. This piece of equipment is well past its serviceable life and we have included a replacement broom in our Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) for 2015 under the AIP program.



AIRPORT OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL

If you haven't noticed, we have been hard at work removing tree obstructions at the south end of the airport. While this project is essential to public safety, we are mindful of the environmental concerns that naturally arise. However, we have a responsibility to protect the interests of the airport, Warren County, and the flying public. Every tree that has been removed had been identified as a known obstruction and hazard to air navigation. These trees penetrated airport imaginary surfaces described in Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) part 77. Additionally, the project will eventually restore the Instrument Landing System (ILS) minimums to 200' and 1/2 mile visibility. The FAA has evaluated the obstruction removals and will publish the lowest possible approach minimums for the class of instrumentation installed for our primary runway 1 in December.

AIRSHARK HAS A NEW SKIN

The local Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 353 spent last year refurbishing the aircraft display on the pole at the main airport entrance. The AirShark was unveiled at EAA Oshkosh 1985 after 2 years of design and refinement by its creator Arthur Lueck. Arthur's son Rob Lueck flew AirShark 1, N204FM, to a world speed record at 201.05 mph in 1988. The AirShark made its way to its new home at the



Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport and was hoisted into place on April 26, 2005. The local EAA volunteers have worked thousands of hours over the years on the AirShark, which has become an iconic symbol for our airport. I would personally like to thank George Thurston for all of his effort, hard work and dedication. We would also like to thank Rozell Industries for donating use of the crane to lower and raise the AirShark and Rich Air for donating money to purchase painting supplies.



NEW T-HANGARS



19 New T-Hangars

East & West Facing

Year Built: 2013-2014

Electric Doors; Insulated Roof; Winch Install Ready

Private Gated Access with Parking

Direct Access to Taxiway and Runway 19

Can Accommodate PA-31T Cheyenne Comfortably

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AIRCRAFT LIST FOR SALE
FLYING CLUB—MEMBER SEARCH
SCHEDULED RUNWAY/TAXIWAY/BUILDING/GATE
CLOSURES FOR MAINTENANCE
SAFETY REMINDERS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Eagles—6/7 & 6/8

GFPOA—6/12

Airport AEP Review—6/17

ADK Balloon Fest—9/18-20

For more information on upcoming events, or to have your event listed, call (518) 792-5995

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